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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 2231

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y BRIDGETOWN ADDED AS ADDEE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, JM  
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON POLICEMAN ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER

1. A UNIFORMED POLICEMAN ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY WAS STABBED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26. THE ATTACK OCCURRED AS THE PRIME MINISTER WAS LEAVING THE WARD THEATRE IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON FOLLOWING A PUBLIC MEETING HELD TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP). THE POLICE-MAN WAS TREATED IN HOSPITAL BUT SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED.

2. SILENCE HAS FALLEN OVER THE INCIDENT, BUT THERE IS BOUND TO BE EXTENSIVE SPECULATION THAT THE ATTACK WAS AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO LIVES TWO DOORS AWAY FROM NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON NOTICED ON SUNDAY NIGHT THAT A SMALL CONTINGENT OF JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN POSTED AT THE MINISTER'S GATE. WHILE BODYGUARDS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES  
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ARE OCCASIONALLY SEEN AROUND THOMPSON'S HOUSE, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SOLDIERS HAD BEEN OBSERVED, LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE HAD A GOOD SCARE.  
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